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## An Evening Echo.

Some deserve praise for what they have done, and others for what they would have done.—LA BRUYERE.

Taney Harrison did not suit those last year "dry" Democrats this year. The well known attorney is too temperate to suit them this year.

The Exponent says it said it because it did not know what it was talking about. Everybody knew that but it is strange the Exponent would admit it.

There has been no public announcement of the death of the Citizens' League. Is the league dead or is its chairman working in a dual capacity?

A cyclone must have struck the circulation of the Parkersburg State Journal. Its business manager makes an affidavit that the circulation of the State Journal was 4,225 March 3 and 2,316 March 7. In four days it fell almost 2,000 or at the rate of 500 a day. At this rate of decrease there would be no State Journal at the end of five days and on March 12 the public would be told that it had shut up shop for all time. It is hard to believe that Parkersburg intends to let such a good newspaper die so soon or at all.

## Why the Change?

Some of those in control of the Democratic city campaign as shown by the personnel of the Democratic party's executive committee have gone through a most remarkable transformation the last twelve months. Straining every effort a year ago to elect a prohibition council and denouncing the liquor traffic with a vengeance characteristic of sincerity, these political workers and self-appointed leaders are to be just as busily engaged this year in supporting a "wet" ticket, and not satisfied with that they will go so far as to support at least one actually engaged in the business, notwithstanding the pretended moral sensibilities of the party's official mouthpiece prohibit it from advertising the liquor business.

Last year there were men conscientiously believing in a "dry" city associated with some of these Democratic politicians and they accepted their declarations for prohibition in good faith, but now they know with deep regret that they were badly fooled—tricked.

In looking over the list of delegates to the convention tonight, one finds names of persons who were delegates at a convention last year that adopted the following resolution:

"We are opposed to the licensed saloon and the sale of liquors and pledge our candidates, if elected, to make this a dry town."

No such resolution will be adopted at the convention tonight, another fact that emphasizes the phenomenal transformation experienced among the Democrats.

Only two years ago the Democratic party in the city stranded on the shoals on the liquor question, some of the leaders now, even present members of the new Democratic executive committee, after participating in the convention of their party, going off after what their own actions now designate as false goods. Have they repented? Why the change?

## A False Premise.

Prof. Henry S. Green, of the departments of Greek and Journalism at the West Virginia University, advocates a year's trial of the commission scheme of city government at Morgantown on the utopian assumption

that politics can be eliminated from city affairs. There are many good things about certain forms of government by commission but if no better inducement can be held out for any scheme of the kind than that offered by the Morgantown professor, it is hardly worth moneysaving with.

Says Prof. Green editorially in the Morgantown Post-Chronicle:

"Morgantown can have the substantial benefits of a non-partisan 'commission' city government, if the leaders of the parties will get together and agree to cut out the customary political contest—at least the political part of it—in the coming city election. There is little to be gained in a political way for either party in such a contest."

Further on the professor points out:

"In any other sort of corporation the politics of members of the board of directors to be selected and of the general manager and other officers would cut a very small figure. An attempt would be made to get men of first-class business ability and unquestioned integrity. Their views on the tariff or reciprocity or free trade or new nationalism would be given little thought by the stockholders."

Now, right here is where the professor bases his argument upon a false premise. His analogy is incorrect. If the commission scheme of government he has in mind is to a city what business system is to a corporation, he is misusing terms, because politics in the generally accepted sense is exactly the same part or attribute of city government that business management is in a private corporation. Hence, if he would conduct a business corporation the same way he desires to eliminate politics from city government it is apparent that he would try to conduct the business corporation without business management and that would be about as bad or worse than not running it at all.

While in its wide sense politics means the science of government, it is used by the professor in its other and, perhaps, narrower sense of the management of a political party; that is to say, the conduct and contests or parties with reference to political measures, or the administration of public affairs.

But, is there any difference between the characteristic or attribute of city government that is represented by the term politics, which means the plan of administering city affairs, and that feature of operating a private corporation known as business management, or the administering of the affairs of the private corporation? It is difficult to see any. Names and terms are different and that is all. Business management of a private corporation quite frequently, perhaps always, assumes the same aspects of the management of a public corporation and just so long as there is a division of the stock, or ownership, in either there will be a difference of opinion as to the policy of managing either.

No doubt improvements can be made in the present generally followed plans of governing a city. Betterments are to be expected in the management of our public affairs as the world progresses. But, if we are to consider any new plans of government, let us have some new ideas, some new things on which to work—some new, practical working schemes and not a juggling of old things under new names.

## A Malicious Slander.

"A malicious slander" is the term used by the Wheeling Intelligencer in discussing the following by the Exponent and as is seen the Wheeling newspaper used even stronger terms in its references to the Exponent:

"The decision of the supreme court of the United States to the effect that West Virginia owes something more than seven million dollars of the old Virginia debt, absolutely sounds the death knell of the Republican machine in West Virginia."

"The fact that the case got to the United States supreme court is due, in the estimation of thousands of West Virginians, to the manipulations of certain Republican politicians in West Virginia, aided by the machinations of certain Democratic politicians in the state of Virginia."

The Intelligencer's caustic comment is as follows:

"As a sample of unadulterated lying and demagoguery, the above would be hard to surpass. The Clarksburg Exponent knows that it can not name a single Republican

politician in West Virginia, who has had any direct connection with the Virginia debt case, other than as counsel or as interested spectators. It knows that it cannot produce a particle of evidence to show that this case got into the United States supreme court through the 'manipulations of certain Republican politicians. It knows also that the large majority of people in West Virginia have never for a moment entertained any suspicion of that kind. Insofar as any West Virginian has ever attempted to secure recognition of the Virginia debt claim, efforts along that line have been limited exclusively to Democrats, notably such men as James M. Mason, of Charles Town, and to certain attorneys in the city of Charleston."

"The facts are, however, that the Virginia debt case has been resisted by both parties in West Virginia. Recent Republican legislatures have taken exactly the same position in regard to the matter that the Democratic legislatures took for nearly twenty years. One of the first acts of legislatures many years ago was to pass a resolution to the effect that West Virginia did not recognize any of the so-called Virginia debt certificates, and declined to pay one cent of them. For session after session that stereotyped resolution was adopted, and the records of the sessions between 1889 and 1896 will show that to be the case. Later legislatures took the same attitude."

"At no time in the last forty years has any public man in this state seriously proposed a recognition of the old Virginia debt certificates, and as that was the only proposition advanced by the state of Virginia, negotiations on the debt question were impossible. Whether or not that fixed policy of this state was a mistake remains to be seen. Certainly the effort to make political capital out of it at this time is insincere and unworthy of any honest or reputable newspaper. Whatever the result of the Virginia debt case it has been fought consistently and earnestly by the state of West Virginia. Its interests have been well represented and there is no just reason to criticize the able lawyers that directed this case. As to the ugly and contemptible insinuation that some West Virginians have sought to profit by a proceeding against their own state, the Intelligencer does not believe that there will be any credence given it by any one, unless some substantial and convincing facts are presented in support of it."

## SURRENDERS

Himself to the Sheriff and Appears in Court and Pleads.

Goff McIntire, of Lumberport, indicted this week for felonious assault on William Halfpenny last October, came to the city Friday and surrendered himself to the sheriff. He appeared in court and pleaded not guilty. The trial will be some time during the present term of the court. It is stated that McIntire hit his victim over an eye with a stone. McIntire was remanded to jail.

## PASSES ANOTHER MILESTONE.

M. Scott Riley, war veteran and former justice of the peace in Clark district, is receiving congratulations of friends today over the seventy-sixth anniversary of his birth. He is hale and hearty and looks twenty years younger than his real age.

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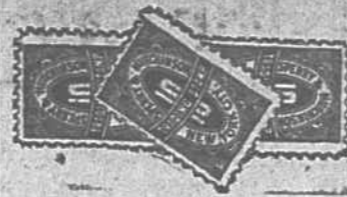
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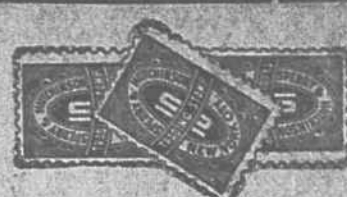
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## 25c SWISS EMBROIDERY, 12 1/2c YARD.

Match Sets—beautiful new designs in fine quality of Swiss, work is the best, the kind that stands the laundry. Two and three widths of insertion, sold in equal quantities of one edge and insertion. One of the grandest embroidery bargains we ever offered. Saturday's sale price, 12 1/2c yard.

## 50c AND 39c NECKWEAR, 25c.

This is indeed the neckwear bargain of the season, for they are all new, the latest 1911 spring and summer styles. Would you like to buy two for the price of one? Then select yours from the new line of Neckwear purchased especially for this sale. The very latest styles in Jabots and Collars. The assortment includes Lace Trimmed Jabots, Net Cascade Jabots, Embroidered and Venise Dutch Collars, Charlotte Corday Collars, Lace and Embroidery Stocks with Cascade Jabots attached, side ruffs and maline bows. These beautiful neckwear novelties are really worth and will sell at 50c, but specially priced for Saturday at only 25c. See window display.

## \$1.35 AND \$1.50 UMBRELLAS, 98c.

A splendid Umbrella for service, made of taped edge Gloria Silk and Taffeta. A cloth that will stand the wear better than all Silk. Mounted on a steel frame and rod, close roll, cover with each one made of same material as umbrella. Handsome assortment of Mission and Natural Wood Handles, suitable for Ladies and Gents. Regular price \$1.35 and \$1.50. On sale all day Saturday only 98c.

## 25c WHITE MADRAS, 15c YARD.

Handsome Mercerized Madras Waistings. All new 1911 designs. A very large assortment to select from, neat stripes, dots, rings, broken plaids and embroidered effects. One of the handsomest lines of Waistings we have ever had at 25c. On sale all day Saturday at 15c yard.

## 15c HUCK TOWELS, 6 FOR 49c.

Here is the Towel bargain of the year; heavy cotton Huck Towels, 18x36 inches, hemmed ends, Damask borders. Don't overlook this Saturday special. 6 Towels for 49c.

CORSET DEMONSTRATION MONDAY, MARCH 13TH. ROYAL WORSTER AND BON TON.

## After Supper Specials Sat. Night, Mar. 11

## \$2.50 PERSIAN AND DRESDEN FLOUNCE PETTICOATS \$1.19.

Splendid Black Petticoats, made of very fine quality of soft Mercerized Sateen, with deep sun-burst Persian and Dresden Founce. A very attractive and serviceable Petticoat made to retail at \$2.50. Saturday night, your choice of a handsome assortment at \$1.19.

## \$1.50 LINEN TABLE DAMASK, 89c YARD.

Handsome quality of all linen Satin Damask, full two yards wide. Beautiful line of new designs. Don't overlook this special. (We have Napkins to match). Saturday night only 89c yard.

## 15c BATES GINGHAMS, 9 1/2c YARD

Bates best Dress Gingham, regular 15c quality, in a world of new 1911 styles and colorings, beautiful styles. Colors are absolutely fast, suitable for all kinds of Wash frocks and good for Men's Shirts. Saturday night only, 9 1/2c.

## 25c AND 35c TAFETA RIBBON, 15c YD.

Saturday night, choice of 100 pieces of Ribbon, best quality of Taffeta, in the following colors: Pink, Lavender, New Blue, Tan, Light Blue, Red, Reseda, Brown, Cardinal, Helio, Pearl and Wisteria. A new shipment just in. Sale price Saturday night only, per yard 15c.

## 85c SALEM SHEETS 59c.

Every housekeeper knows the merits of Salem Sheets. Full size 81x90, torn and hemmed. One of the best Sheets made. We have sold them for years. At the special price for Saturday night it will pay you to anticipate your needs for these goods. Buy as many as you want, one or a dozen. Price 59c.

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## 15c HEMMED DIAPERS, 6 FOR 49c

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## \$1.00 AMERICAN LADY CORSETS, 89c.

Choice of any \$1.00 American Lady Corset in stock. A large line of new styles to select from. Saturday night only, 89c.

## 12 1/2c ALL LINEN CRASH, 8 1-3c

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